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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments, see Applicant's remark, filed on 09/14/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-24 under 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made over Khan et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,959,499) in view of Strakovsky (U.S. Patent No.: 5,678,209).

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claims 1-4, 7-10, 13-16, and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,959,499, hereinafter, "Khan") in view of Strakovsky (U.S. Patent No.: 5,678,209).**

**Regarding claims 1, 7, 13, and 19,** Khan teaches a method and a radio transmission power control circuit comprising (see figure 1):

a radio frequency quadrature downconverter (see figure 1, quadrature downconverter 25) that produces a quadrature downconverter output (see output 26, and output 27) having a frequency equal to the frequency difference between a first

quadrature downconverter input (see figure 1, input at coupler 112 to downconverter 25) based on a transmitted signal of a radio transmitter (see figure 1, TX side at power amplifier 17) and a second quadrature downconverter input based on a local oscillator signal (see figure 1, second input from LO 28, col.2, ln.35-67); and

a receiver baseband circuit that processes the downconverter output to produce a power signal representative of the transmitted signal (see figure 1, col.2, ln.35-67).

It should be noticed that Khan fails to teach a feedback control circuit that produces a transmitter gain control signal to control transmitted signal power so as to minimize the difference between the power signal and a power reference signal. However, Strakovsky teaches such features (see figure 1, level controller 18, reference signal 22, col.1, ln.29-37).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Strakovsky into view of Khan in order to produce a transmitter with improved linearity while maintaining immunity to instability during normal operation as suggested by Khan at col.2, ln.18-25.

**Regarding claims 2, 8, 14, and 20**, Khan further teaches the radio transmitter is part of a half-duplex radio transceiver also having a receiver circuit such that the receiver baseband circuit is used by the receiver circuit when the radio transmitter is inactive, and wherein the local oscillator signal is used by the radio transmitter such that the transmitted signal has a frequency determined by the local oscillator signal (see figure 1, col.2, ln.35-67, LO 22, the TX section is half duplex when transmit the signal).

**Regarding claims 3, 9, 15, and 21**, after combine, Khan further teaches an analog-to-digital converter that converts the power signal to a representative digital power signal (see figure 1, ADC 33); and Strakovsky further teaches the feedback control circuit produces the transmitter gain control signal so as to minimize the difference between the digital power signal and the power reference signal (see figure 1, level controller 18, reference signal 22, col.1, ln.29-37).

**Regarding claims 4, 10, 16, and 22**, Khan further teaches the first quadrature downconverter input is developed by a directional coupler that senses the transmitted signal (see figure 1, coupler 18, quadrature downconverter 25, col.2, ln.35-67).

**4. Claims 5-6, 11-12, 17-18, and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,959,499, hereinafter, "Khan") in view of Strakovsky (U.S. Patent No.: 5,678,209) as applied to claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 above, and further in view of Haartsen (Pub. No.: U.S. 2005/0048985).**

**Regarding claims 5, 11, 17, and 23**, Khan and Strakovsky, in combination, fails to teach WLAN transceiver. However, Haartsen teaches such feature (see claim 9).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Haartsen into view of Khan and Strakovsky in order to communicate between the two device.

**Regarding claims 6, 12, 18, and 24**, Haartsen further teaches time division duplex (see [0011]).

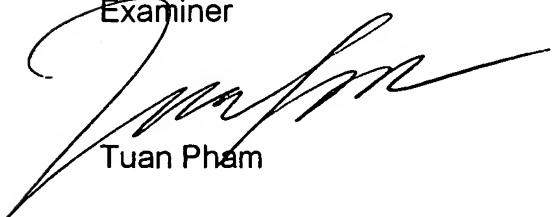
### Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-8097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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